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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1373

Introduced by Assembly Member Fong
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Portantino and Williams)
(Coauthor: Senator Evans)

February 18, 2011

An act to add Article 1.5 (commencing with Section 32205) to Chapter 2 of Part 19 of Division 1 of Title 1 of the Education Code, relating to pupils.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1373, as amended, Fong. Pupils: healthy relationships promotion and teen dating violence prevention.

Existing law requires a school district that provides instruction to pupils in grades 7 to 12, inclusive, to provide an adopted course of study to those pupils, as specified. Existing law requires the State Board of Education to adopt content standards in certain curriculum areas.

This bill would authorize school districts to provide education programs that promote healthy relationships and prevent teen dating violence to pupils in grades 7 to 12, inclusive, through curricular, extracurricular, and school climate improvement activities. The bill would authorize school districts to work in partnership with parents, caregivers, and youth, domestic violence, sexual assault, and other appropriate community-based organizations to provide these education programs. The bill would require school districts that choose to provide education programs that promote healthy relationships and prevent teen

dating violence to use research-based materials that are appropriate for pupils of all races, genders, sexual orientations, gender identities, and ethnic and cultural backgrounds, and for pupils with disabilities. The bill would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction to provide information about model education programs that are designed to promote healthy relationships and prevent teen dating violence on the department's Internet Web site, as specified.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Article 1.5 (commencing with Section 32205) is
2 added to Chapter 2 of Part 19 of Division 1 of Title 1 of the
3 Education Code, to read:

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5 Article 1.5. Healthy Relationships Promotion and Teen Dating
6 Violence Prevention
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8 32205. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature that the
9 Superintendent encourage the provision of education programs
10 that promote healthy relationships and prevent teen dating violence
11 to pupils in grades 7 to 12, inclusive. It is further the intent of the
12 Legislature that public schools serving pupils in grades 7 to 12,
13 inclusive, have access to model education programs and materials
14 designed to promote healthy relationships and prevent teen dating
15 violence among pupils.

16 (b) A school district may provide education programs to promote
17 healthy relationships and prevent teen dating violence to pupils in
18 grades 7 to 12, inclusive, through curricular, extracurricular, and
19 school climate-improvement activities. School districts may work
20 in partnership with parents, caregivers, and youth, domestic
21 violence, sexual assault, or other appropriate community-based
22 organizations, *as deemed appropriate by the school district*, to
23 provide these education programs.

24 32206. School districts that choose to provide education
25 programs that promote healthy relationships and prevent teen
26 dating violence pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 32205 shall
27 use research-based materials that are appropriate for pupils of all

1 races, genders, sexual orientations, gender identities, and ethnic
2 and cultural backgrounds, and for pupils with disabilities.

3 32207. (a) The Superintendent shall provide information,
4 which may be used by school districts, about model education
5 programs that are designed to promote healthy relationships and
6 prevent teen dating violence among pupils on the department's
7 Internet Web site.

8 (b) The information provided on the Internet Web site shall
9 include, but not be limited to, all of the following:

10 (1) The legal obligations of schools to respond to and prevent
11 teen dating violence under existing federal and state law.

12 (2) Model school teen dating violence prevention policies.

13 (3) Model school healthy relationships promotion and teen
14 dating violence prevention curriculum and education programs.

15 (c) In compiling the information to post on the department's
16 Internet Web site, the Superintendent shall seek input from other
17 public agencies and private nonprofit organizations with experience
18 providing education programs that promote healthy relationships
19 and prevent teen dating violence. The Superintendent may include
20 appropriate materials developed by those agencies or organizations
21 *that the Superintendent deems appropriate* in the information
22 provided on the department's Internet Web site.